

THE WINES OF
JORDAN
STELLENBOSCH



Jordan Inspector Périguey Chenin Blanc 2016

BACKGROUND

Named after Louis Albert Périguey, the 19th Century Inspector-General of Vineyards in the Cape, who led the fight against phylloxera and supervised the importation of American rootstocks onto which the various vineyard varieties were grafted.

LOCATION & CLIMATE

The distinct ravine which embodies Stellenbosch Kloof harnesses all the qualities of a well-orientated compass. Varying elevations and aspects allows us to grow a selection of classic varieties to specific sites that optimise this expression through their location. The cooler south- and east-facing aspects, unique in Stellenbosch, hosts the more sensitive and aromatic white-skinned grape varieties.

Stellenbosch Kloof enjoys a cooler Mediterranean climate with maritime influences from False Bay, 14km to the south, and a refreshing breeze channelled from the West Coast's Benguela current 24km to the north-west. These two breezes culminate at the top end of the ravine and bring in early morning mists, especially from False Bay. Consequently, temperatures in our meso-climate can be measured at least 3° Celsius cooler than inland Stellenbosch during ripening periods. This adds a unique characteristic to Jordan wines.

APPELLATION

Wine of Origin Stellenbosch.

SOIL

Decomposed granite and loam.

ASPECT

Cool south- and east-facing vineyards, 220m above sea level.

AGE OF VINES

35 years old.

CLONES

Montpellier

BLEND

100% Chenin Blanc

ANALYSIS

Alc: 14%

Total Acid: 5.5g/l

pH: 3.41

Residual Sugar: 2.9g/l

TASTING NOTES

French oak adds style and class to this magical grape. A contemporary and deliciously mouth-filling experience of white pear, quince and green pineapple interlaced with a spicy complexity.

HARVESTING

The grapes were harvested between the 3rd of February and the 16th of February 2016 between 21.1 – 23.4°B.

WINEMAKING & MATURATION

After gentle pressing followed by cold-settling for 2 days, the juice was barrel-fermented in 228L in 30% third-fill & 70% Burgundian-shaped barrels, and matured "sur-lie" in the barrel for 8 months with occasional "barrel rolling" to add richness to the palate. To accentuate the fresh citrus flavour, 36% tank-fermented Chenin Blanc was blended with the barrel fermented portion.

ACCOLADES

2016 - 90 points by Tim Atkin SA Wine Report 2017

2016 - 5 stars John Platter 2018 Wine Guide

2015 - Decanter Silver 2016 awards

2014 - 90 points by Tim Atkin SA Wine Report 2016

2013 - National winner SA Terroir Wine Awards 2014

2012 - 92 points in the Tim Atkins SA Wine Report 2013